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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rawson DATE TYPED: 2/25/03 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE: Eliminate Straight Party Vote Option SB 837

ANALYST: Collard

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring Or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
		See Narrative			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 147

### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Senate Bill 147

Senate Bill 837

Responses Received From

Secretary of State

### **SUMMARY**

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 837 eliminates the straight party vote option on election ballots.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no appropriation associated with this bill, however, the Secretary of State indicates that, because five to 10 percent of voters may use the straight party option, additional voting systems will be necessary if delays are to be avoided during voting. The Secretary of State estimates the cost of additional machines to be between \$733.5 and \$1,467.0.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Secretary of State is concerned that staff will experience more complaints regarding lines at polling places.

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